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gton, Bopt. 16.-A number atial appointments of luced the nomination of C. Euker to be postmaster at and S. Coler King to r at Darlington.

Muker, was will succeed in the Rev. Joshua Wilson, the ster, is a young man and n of Mr. John Kuker, a leading an of Florence and a man menne Mr. Kuker. as well as his fither, ned standing in Florence to one of the most popmen in Darlington and is judge of Darlington The was the captain of the As He is a brothersator Huger Sin-Maj. D. L. Sinkler, of Char-In the office of per-

dent of the New Oron exchange and head of the arm of W. B. Thompson & Co. this city, has issued a circular letto farmers, wherein he offers a plan for the marketing of the He urges farmers to arket their crops at the rate of ten r cent a month. According to jority of the cases. Mr. Thompson, this would create a stable market for both buyers and

Mr. Thompson says in part Let the producer of cotton market 10 per cent of his crop each month for ten months. An instant of reflecwill convince any thoughtful man that, whether the crop so marketed be lurge or small, and whether fred planters or a hundred thearand employ the method, the result will be better than if the crop was sold at once or the attempt made to hold it all. If the plan is good for one planter, it is good for all, and If all, or any great number of plantadopt it, the problem of marketing the crop is solved."

### FOOT BALL FOR SUMTER.

Challenges Will be Issued to All Amateur Teams in the State.

The splendid foot ball material that Sumter now has will be utilized this finter in the formation of a team that will creditably represent the Game Cock city on the checkerboard. As the game continues to grow in opularity, the number of college foot ball players rapidly increases, until nearly every city in the State of any importance has enough men-fami-Har with the great game—to form the nucleus of a good team.

Sumter is particularly fortunate in this respect, and with the experienced players anxious to again get into the line of scrimmage, and, at the same time, ready to train and coach the splendid available material, the prospects for some lively games this winter seems most encouraging.

A meeting will be held next Wedesday night in the office of Harby & Co., with the view of arousing interest in the project, and to ascertain the number and character of men who are interested. Every man will be given a fair trial to make the team, a good coach has been secured, Wednesday evening.

Cheer up! You can have liver and there was no desire to secure any of an .- Detroit News.

# DISPENSARY GRAFT CASES.

RICHLAND GRAND JURY.

Big Frauds Are Alleged-Valuable Information Given by Joseph B. Wylie, John T. Earley and Henry Samuels the Two Latter Former Liquor

Columbia, Sept. 10 .- The State today fired its first big gun in the dispensary "graft" cases. Indictments were handed out against:

Joseph B. Wylie, of Chester. James B. Farnum, of Charleston. J. M. Rawlinson, of Richland. John Black, of Columbia. M. A. Goodman, of Cincinnati. John Bell Towill, of Lexington. H. Lee Solomons of Batell. John T. Barley, of Batesburg. W. O. Tatum, of Orangeburg. Dennis Weiskopf, of Cincinnati L. Whit Boykin, of Camden. There are several cases against

ome of the defendants. In one of the indictments it charged that M. A. Goodman, J. Farnum, John C. Earley and H. Lee Solomons paid or conspired to defraud the State out of the sum of

In the list of defendants it will be noticed that Messrs. Joseph B. Wylle, J. M. Rawlinson and John Black are members of the last board of control, charged with the purchase of liquor. Mesers. John Bell Towill and L Whit Boykin are members of previous boards of control, also charged with the purchase of liquor, but in the fifth indictment Messrs. Boykin and Towill are especially charged "with conspiracy to defraud the State out of \$22,500," in the purchase of a carload of labels. It is also charged in this particular case that former Comcolumnet will missioner W. O. Tatum is involved.

Most of the cases are those of bribery or conspiracy, and, of course, there are two ends to such a charge, O COTTON. the men who are alleged to have given the money and the men who are alleged to have taken the money. According to the indictments those in r positions, who, it is alleged, received money, or were on that end Orleans, La., Sept. 11.-W. B. of the line, are the members of the boards of control and the commissioner of the dispensary system. Messrs, John Black, Rawlinson, Wylie, Boykin, Towill and Tatum. The giving end of the line is represented by Messrs. Goodman, Solomons, Earley. Weiskopf, and Farnum, of Charleston, whose name appears in a ma-

When the court met this morning Solicitor Cobb handed out six indictments, which are summarised as fol-

First. State against James S. Far-

num, bribery, the bribe being alleged to have been given to Jeseph B. Wylie in the sum of \$1,575. Second, the State against James S Farnum, bribery. The bribe alleged to have been given to Joseph B. Wylle in the sum of \$1,125. Third, the State against James S. Farnum, J. M. Rawlinson, Joseph B. Wylie and John Black, being a conspiracy to cheat and defraud the State of South Caralina out of \$4,-800. Fourth. the State against John Black, accepting a bribe and rebate in the sum of \$2,500. Fifth, the State against M. A. Goodman, John T. Earley, Dennis Weiskopf, L. Whit Boykin, John Bell Towill and W. O. Tatum, indictment for conspiracy to defraud the State of South Carolina out of \$22,500 in the label deal. Sixth, the State against M. A. Geodman, James S. Farnum, John T. Earley, H. Lee Solomons, J. B. Wylie, John Black and J. M. Rawlinson, indictment for conspiracy to defraud the State of South Carolina and to accept and to pay rebates in the sum of \$133,000. There were present at the time that

the indictments were handed out representing the State, Soliciter Cobb. Attorney General Lyon, who has been the most active spirit in the whole matter; Mr. W. F. Stevenson, who has been the counsel for the windingup commission, and M. B. L. Abney, of Columbia, who has been the special counsel in the case and who rendered conspicuous service in the hearing before the United States Supreme Court. Thus far there has been nothing said with reference to the testimony, except to announce that the State wished to present witnesses, Mr. J. A. V. Schmidt, of St. Louis; J. L. Thorp and T. W. Collins, who were former employees of the dispensary; Mr. John T. Earley and Mr. Henry Samuels, who sold to the dispensary. and Mr. Joseph B. Wylie, a former on the indictments before the grand the charge. jury are behind closed doors, and

The bills were handed out at 1 o'clock today, and it is the hope of Attorney General Lyon, who has im-ELEVEN MEN INDICTED BY mediate charge of the prosecution. HIGHER PRICES PAID FOR HARthat they will be brought to trial next week.

> The chief evidence taken before the grand jury this afternoon was that given by Jos. B. Wylie, a former member of the board of control; Henry Samuels, who is said to have been a salesman for a liquor house, and John T. Earley, also a liquor salesman. There were other witnesses before the grand jury, but it is said these three were the stars. It is said that they startled the members of the grand jury with the records and evidence, and the grand jury was not long in returning the six indictments with "true bill" written across the face of each.

The big case under indictment is No. 6. in which it is alleged that the three members of the then board of control were paid \$133,000 in rebates and commissions. The grand jury, it is said, was given what it is claimed each member received as his share of the melon cutting. In indictment No. 6 is what, it is alleged, was the schedule of graft. In other words, it is alleged, that the buyers and sellers had a regular schedule of rake off. "You buy thus and so and you get so much an so, it is charged, it went. The indictment charges that the graft schedule was something like

That the said Jodie M. Rawlinson, Jos. B. Wylle and John Black were to accept and receive, for every barrel of whiskey purchased at \$1.47 per gallon, \$1.50; for every barrel of whiskey purchased at \$1.50 per gallon, \$2, for every barrel of whiskey purchased at \$1.60 per gallon, \$3; for every barrel of whiskey purchased at \$1.75 per gallon, \$6; for every barrel of whiskey purchased at \$1.85 per gallon, \$8; for every barrel of whiskey purchased at \$2 per gallon, \$13; for each barrel of \$2.10 whiskey, \$15; whiskey at \$2.25 per gallon \$17.50 lon a \$20 rake off; ilquor at \$3 per gallon, a \$25 commission; barrel of beer ten dozen quarts, \$1 per barrel; each case of champagne \$3 per case; case goods at varying prices; all wines, 50 cents per case. It is alleged that in consideration of such payment and receipt of rebates and extra compensation it was agreed, by and between the said Jodie M. Rawlinsen, Jos. B. Wylle and John Black as chairman and members of said board of directors of the State dispensary, composed as aforesaid. should award the contract to the persons, firms and corporations represented by the said Jas. S. Farnum, John T. Earley, Morton A. Goodman and H. Lee Solomons and divers other persons to the jurors unknown.

that this board on March 22, 1906, awarded contracts for liquor and that Wylie, Black and Rawlinson did accept and receive from the said Jas. S. Farnum, John T. Earley, M. A. others \$24,000. That between March 22 and December 31, the said members, in pursuance of the aforesaid conspiracy, combination, confederacy and agreement did award contracts for wines and liquors and received for these purchases \$109.000.

The indictments are similar in many of the general ideas. For in-March 6, 1906, James S. agree to pay \$1,575 by way of extra completed a steel raftway across the inducement for purchases from the Richland Distillery and others. This \$1,575, it is alleged, went to Jos. B. Wylle, then on the purchasing board, at Columbia, and it is planned to and in this case Henry Samuels and build at this time thirty miles up the Jos. R. Wylie were put down as the Santee swamps toward Columbia chief witnesses. The chief cases appear to be against the members of the last board of control, Capt. John Black, J. M. Rawlinson and Jos. B. Wylie, and the liquor men who dealt is not a cheap tramway, but a wellwith the board, James S. Farnum, M. A. Goodman, J. T. Earley and H. Lec

It is to be noted that Jos. B. Wylie and John T. Earley, who are mentioned in the indictments, were named as witnesses for the State. What effect this will have in their cases is known, but the indictments against them were returned as "true bills." The only case against Boykin and Towill and Tatum handed out involves the famous label purchase in which it is alleged, that the State paid \$22,500 more for the labels than they were worth, and that this \$22,500 was distributed in some way between Towill and Boykin, Tatum and those who managed to have the purchase

Grand Opera,-Houston Post.

## NO STOCK PANIC.

RIMAN STOCKS FRIDAY.

Death of Railroad Manipulator Did Not Have Expected Effect and Market Was Strong With Record-Breaking Transactions.

New York, Sept. 10 .- Wall street's response today to the death of E. H. Harriman was a buoyantly strong stock market in which securities made sensational gains and held them to the end. The volume of business was well over 1,100,000 shares-and to this vast amount the better Harriman stocks, namely, Union Pacific common and Southern Pacific, alone contributed over one-third, while other properties in which the late magnate was more remotely interested rigidly enforced in this city and vi- ter is from two to 30 years. It canadded probably as much to the sum

The day resulted in a complete rout of the short interest, which was probably more extensive than even the best informed had imagined. Even have been reported or heard of. before the opening here it was evident from the tone of American securities in London that the strongest support was forthcoming and initial prices in New York dispelled all doubt though the Harriman stocks were the leaders.

While the Harriman stocks were soaring Wall street was teeming with rumors, some of which hinted at a contest for control of the Union Pacific. None took these ramors very seriously but considerably more attention was paid to persistent reports that J. P Morgan & Co., were buying heav of Union Pacific shares, and that arrangements for taking a member of the Morgan firm into the Union Pacific executive committee were already completed. None of these stories was either denied or confirmed in authoritative quarters.

Southern Pacific boards of will probably be held next Monday and it is believed that something more than the expressions of regret at the passi, away of Mr. Harriman willthen engage the attention of the di- disease incurred in line of duty. rectors.

### A BIG DEAL.

In Lumber Lands-Railroad Building Through the Swamp of Santee by the Santee Cypress Lumber Com-

Columbia, Sept 9 .- Former Secretary of State Jesse T. Gantt, who is now farming and raising stock on the Congaree at Hopkins, below Columbia, says that papers have been signed by which H. J. McLaurin, Jr. the well known Sumter lumberman, acquires nearly 6,000 acres of timber Under this schedule it is charged in the Congaree valley near Hopkins. and it is practically assured that a large plant will be built on the property.

Mr. Gantt is also authority for the statement that the Santee River Cy-Goodman and H. Lee Solomons and press Lumber Company, whose plant is at Ferguson, "is now expending half a million dollars for enlargement of its mill and its logging facilities." Mr. Gantt further says: "Recently Mr. Ed. Fralick, roadmaster of the Charleston division of the Southern Railway, resigned his position, to accept the task offered him by the Santee Company of constructing a railroad stance, in one it is charged that on for them through the heart of the Farnum Santee swamps. There has just been Santee river at Ferguson, which is said by experts to be better than any railroad bridge across the Congaree with the ultimate purpose of extending the main line to Camden up the Wateree, and a branch up the Congaree, toward Columbia. This road built railroad, much of it on piling and embankments, with heavy rail.

Poor telephone connection made it of the Santee Company about the to her deck. foregoing today.

### DISMISS ELECTION PROTESTS.

Aiken Dispensaries Will be Opened

Today. Columbia, Sept. 10.-The State board of canvassers, after hearing the testimony and arguments of the attorneys for the protestants and respondon the dispensary question, dismissed believe in you absolutely." are urged to be present at 8:30 o'clock member of the board. The hearings made and confirmed. At least that is present at the meeting were Secre. horse or mustang is in his ancestry vices permanently. tary of State McCown State Treasur- and essential qualities of an Arab. er Jennings, Comptroller General The Spanish tenor, Carasa, is evi- Jones, and K. P. Smith, chairman of George M. Pritchard has been ap- Ormsby McHarg. His magazine artitions of the house of representatives, the fourth district.

Constables Have e in Keeping Track of Importations of Whiskey From Augusta.

> Aiken, Sept. 10 .- The officers and constables of this county have made a good deal of complaint, because, they allege, Aiken has been made the dumping ground for Augusta liquor since the prohibition law went into effect on August 3. Several days ago the constables were busy watching he trolley cars out of Augusta, and it is estimated that in one day 500 quarts of liquor were brought from Augusta. On one car there were 130 passengers, and nearly all of them car-13 quarts of contraband goods.

> The fact is that the law is being cinity, and not much of an opportunity is presented the blind tiger patrons for purchasing in this section. The constables have kept in behind them so closely that few violations

Despite the fact that some liquor is bought from other places, the prohibition law has seemingly created a sentiment in its favor in Aiken county. Drunkenness has about gone out of with advices in practically all issues, style, only two or three cases being reported since the law went into ef-

### KILLING OF PRIVATE COULTER.

Army Board Places Blame on Dead Soldier-Result of Court Martial At Fort McPherson, Ga.-Rigid Investigation.

Washington, Sept. 11 .- As a result of the investigation into the death of Private Coulter, of the 17th United States infantry near Fort McPherson, Ga., the army board which carried on

In view of the board's findings, Coulter's heirs are not entitled to the six months pay allowed beneficiaries of soldiers who die from wounds or

While causing a disturbance in a 'near beer" saloon adjacent to Fort McPherson, Coulter was shot about had been sent to get him and three other soldiers. Private Elam, one of Coulter while he was attempting to flee, death being instantaneous.

are being court-martialed at Atlanta for the killing.

TO REORGANIZE SEABOARD.

Plan for Rehabiliation of Road Declared Operative by Committee in Charge of Project.

New York, Sept. 10.-The plan for the reorganization of the Seaboard Air Line Railroad Company, which was made public some time ago, was declared operative today at a meeting of the reorganization committee in this city. The time for the deposit of bonds of the company under the plan was extended from September 4 to October 1 next.

### DR. COOK HOMEWARD BOUND.

Pole Finder Leaves Copenhagen With Confidence of the Danes.

Copenhagen, Sept. 10 .- Dr. Freder ick A. Cook left Copenhagen this af ternoon on the first stage of his journey homeward, apparently happy and confident, and with the cheers of a great crowd ringing in his ears. As he departed the explorer stood alone on the high bridge of the yacht Melchoir, which is taking him to Christiansand, raising his hat in response to the shouts of the spectators. The yacht will arrive at Christiansand tomorrow at noon, where the ship Oscar II will sail for the United States impracticable to consult the officials as soon as he has been transferred

> It is expected he will reach New York Sept. 21.

Lefore the gang plank of the Melchoir was draw up there was a pleasant ceremony in the cabin. Admiral Dekichelieu, in a speech, thanked Dr. Dr. Cook for returning to the Unitd States under the Danish flag.

"Green-eyed envy and jealously." the Admiral said, "are doing their enents in the matter of the election held venomed work, but we in Denmark

# POURS LIQUOP Lib 8 O Univ. 26. Sep. 69 VERDICT IN MEDLIN CASE

GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER WITH RECOMMENDATION TO MERCY.

XXXX. No. 6

Trial at Columbia of the Man Charged With the Murder of Mrs. Victoria Griffin Several Months Ago Results in a Verdict Unparalleled in The History of the State,

Columbia, Sept. 12 .- A most unusual verdict was rendered in the Medlin case—guilty of manslaughter with recommendation to the mercy of the court—the same being returned shortly before 11 o'clock this morning ried the familiar looking packages. after a deliberation of eighteen hours. The constables succeeded in capturing It is stated that the ury stood nine for conviction of murder and three for acquittal. The penalty for manslaughnot be definitely stated when the defendant will be sentenced.

When the jury had been charged by Judge Memminger and left the court room yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, it was generally thought by those who were acquainted with the facts of the killing and testimony brought ent from the different witnesses, that the jury would not remain out over thirty minutes. The verdict, although very unusual and probably unparaffeled in the history of criminal cases in the State, is a victory for Solicitor Cobb and Coroner Walker, in that all of the evidence was purely circumstantial.

The verdict has caused a great deal of comment and is thought by many to be ridiculous, in that if he committed the crime at all, a verdict should have been returned guilty of murder, and if he did not he should have been acquitted.

G. Wash Medlin, the defendant; is today in the Richland county jail. The crime for which he was convicted was one of the most atrocious ever comthe investigation has reported to the mitted in this State; and was surwar department that his death was rounded by mystery. Several months Meetings of the Union Pacific and the result of his own misconduct and ago Mrs. Victoria E. Griffin, a middleged woman, was found dead in well in the yard of her home on Sumter street with her head crushed with an axe and her throat skished several times with a rasor. On the morning that the crime was committed Medlin. the three sons of the murdered woman, and Luke Lewis, a friend of the daughter of Mrs. Griffin, were arrestthree weeks ago while attempting to ed pending an investigation of the afescape, it is said, from a patrol which fair. All of the children set up the theory of suicide when the police were called in. This theory was scouted by the members of the patrol, fired on the officers. The sons of the woman were released several days after the affair, and at the coroner's inquest Lieut. Hazelhurst and Private Elam Lewis was released and Medlin ordered held. Several weeks ago he was released on a heavy bond. Since that time Solicitor Cobb, Coroner Walker and a Pinkerton detective have been working on the case, gathering all of

> The trial consumed several days in the Richland county court and more than a score of witnesses were introduced by the State, in an effort to weave a chain of convectings circumstances about the defendant, Medin...

the evidence possible.

It was brought out from witnesses that Medlin had lived with Mrs. Griffin for over five years, and that two or three months previous to the tragedy the two had quarreled about Medlin paying attention to another wo-

It is stated on good authority that one of the most important witnesses: in the case left Columbia shorly after the crime was committed, and that although several places were visited by detectives in search of the woman, her whereabouts was not learned.

### THE SUMTER LUMBER CO.

Mr. C. G. Watson Has Been Made Vice President and Gen. Manager.

It is announced that Mr. C. G. Watson, formerly of Danville, Va., has been elected vice president and general manager of the Sumter Lumber Mr. Watson has occupied the position of general manager of the company, tentatively, since the first of March, last, and has become so thoroughly convinced of the desirability of Sumter as a permanent location that he has recently purchased a considerable interest in the business. and will occupy permanently the positions above mentioned with the company. Mr. Watson's family, who are now in Virginia, he expects to remove to Sumter at a very early date and. will no doubt, prove a pleasant addition to the town. Mr. Watson has had a long experience in all branches of the lumber business and the com-What is known as the California pany is fortunate in securing his ser-

We have not heard the last of dney compalint as well as Harri- the evidence prior to its introduction dentity the Senator Beveridge of the committee on privileges and elec- pointed supervisor of the census for cles and Chautauqua "tawks" are yet to come .- Chicago Record-Herald.